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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS EVALUATION PAPER - URUGUAY

1. ARA/ECA AND HA MET ON NOVEMBER 10 TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EVALUATION PAPER ON URUGUAY WHICH POLITICAL COUNSELOR YOULE HANDCARRIED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS THAT RESULTED FROM THE NOVEMBER 10 MEETING ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE INFORMAL REVIEW WHICH YOULE HELD WITH HA ON NOVEMBER 8.

2. UNDER A. 1.,A STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER TORTURE IS USED RARELY, FREQUENTLY, CAN BE EXPECTED AS A ROUTINE ASPECT OF INTERROGATION, OR HOWEVER IT IS PRACTICED, SHOULD BE INCLUDED. A FACTUAL STATEMENT ABOUT CONTINUING STORIES OF TORTURE, NOT LINKED TO THE ANTI-TUPAMARO ERA SHOULD BE MADE IF WARRANTED. UNDER A.2.,A DESCRIPTION OF PRISON CONDITIONS AND PRISONER TREATMENT IS REQUESTED. UNDER A.3.,AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FIGURES ON THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER RELIABLE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ICJ. THE EMBASSY'S OWN BEST ESTIMATE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD
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ALSO BE GIVEN, UNDER A.5., PAGE 3, CONCERNING THE SENTENCE ABOUT HEAVY RELIANCE ON CONFESSIONAL EVIDENCE, HA ASKED

WHETHER IT SHOULD READ QUOTE VIRTUALLY ALL CONFESSIONS ARE OBTAINED BY COERCION, INCLUDING TORTURE UNQUOTE.

3. THE REPORT SHOULD COMMENT ON THE INSTITUTIONAL ACTS

DECREED BY THE MENDEZ ADMINISTRATION AS THEY MAY AFFECT HUMAN RIGHTS. A.2.C. WOULD BE THE PROPER SECTION FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE ACTS IN GENERAL IF THE EMBASSY DEEMS IT NECESSARY. A.1.D. WOULD BE THE LOGICAL SECTION FOR REFERRING TO INSTITUTIONAL ACT 8, CONCERNING THE REFORM OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AND A.2.A. THE PROPER SECTION FOR DISCUSSING THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM INCORPORATED IN INSTITUTIONAL ACT 7. IN THE LATTER CASE, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE GOU IS USING THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM TO ARBITRARILY DEPRIVE SUSPECTED INDIVIDUALS OF EMPLOYMENT AS A PUNITIVE MEASURE.

4. ON ANOTHER MINOR POINT, PLEASE INSURE THAT THE REVISED DRAFT CONFORMS TO THE NUMBERING DESIGNATION CONTAINED IN THE OUTLINE. WE WISH TO REMIND THAT AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF SECTION A WILL BE FORWARDED TO CONGRESS. IT SHOULD BE AS FULL AND COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT REVEALING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAS NOW SET NOVEMBER 22 AS THE DATE BY WHICH CLEARED DRAFTS ARE DUE IN HA. PLEASE CABLE YOUR DRAFT REVISIONS ASAP.

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